

2021 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as individuals and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. ArtsFairfax operates programs and initiatives that include grants, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organizations.

Despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented to the arts community, in FY2020, ArtsFairfax awarded over \$550,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to arts organizations and individual artists. These grants helped fund over 23,500 arts programs which reached more than 440,700 audience members: ArtsFairfax's resiliency and adaptability allowed the organization to continue meeting the needs of the arts community even during these unprecedented times.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Arts Impact Award, the Arts Education Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2021 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2021 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to the National Museum of the United States Army.

The 2021 Arts Impact Award will be presented to 1st Stage.

The 2021 Arts Education Award will be presented to the Traveling Players Ensemble and artist Kelli Schollard-Sincock.

The 2021 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to the Reston Town Center Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2021 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HISTORY OF TOLEDO CHAPTER ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Toledo Chapter of Zonta International, on November 25, 1921, Toledo women joined forces to form the Zonta Club of Toledo. Those early founders, leading professional women of the day, carried forth the organization's vision as a women's service organization that would advocate for policies ensuring gender equality, protect the rights of women and girls, reduce the incidents of violence against them, and empower women and girls to reach their full potential.

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To that end, in its century of service the women of Zonta Club of Toledo have led the

way in efforts to promote the development of women while providing planning, financial and volunteer support to numerous initiatives. Zonta has assisted the Area Office on Aging Kinship Navigator program, Bethany House shelter, YMCA Storer Camps and YWCA battered women's shelter, purchased HIV/AIDS test kits for Plan Parenthood, raised awareness regarding human trafficking and domestic violence, provided scholarship opportunities and offered volunteer support to a variety of services in our community and globally. Through one hundred years, the members of the Zonta Club of Toledo have continued to build the organization into one of excellence and inspiration.

Zonta's mission is to improve "the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy" while "working for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a global fellowship of Zonta members." As one of the oldest chapters, the Zonta Club of Toledo serves this mission well and its members truly reflect Zonta's efforts to promote "justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel prize laureate and Pakistani activist, said "When the whole world is silent even one voice becomes powerful." Throughout a century of service, the women of the Zonta Club of Toledo have united many and varied voices into one powerful voice and in the process are changing the world. Onward Zonta, for the next hundred years.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2021 LORDS AND LADIES OF FAIRFAX

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional commitments and contributions to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments of the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and are worthy of our praise and sincere appreciation.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2021 Lords and Ladies Fairfax:

At-Large: Lady Pamela Montesinos and Lord Andres Jimenez

Braddock District: Lady Leeann Alberts and Lord Robert W. Cosgriff

Dranesville District: Lady Janie Strauss and Lord William Canis

Hunter Mill District: Lady Brenda Irons-LeCesne and Lord Alvarez LeCesne Jr.

Lee District: Lady Renee Grebe and Lord Keith Fox

Mason District: Lady Nancy Joyner and Lord William D. Lecos

Mount Vernon District: Lady Lisa Sales and Lord Keary Kincannon

Providence District: Lady Mercedes Dash and Lord Ken McMillon

Springfield District: Lady Christy Hudson and Lord Evan Drain

Sully District: Lady Debbie Kilpatrick and Lord Carlos Carrero

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. Their efforts, which are deserving of our highest praise, provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow residents and serve as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK VAJDA

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 5, 2021*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Frank Vajda, a dedicated public servant who passed away on January 27, 2021, at the age of 84.

Frank Vajda grew up in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and went on to attend Rutgers University on a full academic scholarship. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering which he used throughout his 28 years of service in the United States Air Force. His military assignments included the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, the Los Alamos, NV Test Site, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Defense Nuclear Agency, two tours at the Pentagon and a tour with the Foreign Technology Division, where he met his future wife, Judith.

After retiring from the Air Force, Frank and Judith relocated to Fairfax County where he became very active in community activities. Frank quickly got involved with his local civic association, the Court of Camelot Civic Association, where he went on to serve as president. He also founded the Camelot annual holiday charity fund drive which raised thousands of dollars for the Children's Hospital. Frank's years of dedication to the Court of Camelot was recognized in 2016, as Frank was named a Knight of Camelot by the civic association.

In addition to his work with the Civic Association, Frank served on the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Group, which is the oldest continuing Neighborhood Watch in the nation. He organized and promoted the first park watch group at Pine Ridge, a local neighborhood park, and because of his public safety efforts, the Park Authority, the Fairfax County Police, and the Rose Purple have established the countywide PARKWATCH system.

Frank dedicated countless hours to the Fairfax County Parks, starting with his time as a member of the Steering Committee for the Friends of Mason District Park. He went on to serve as a park volunteer for numerous festivals and events and was selected as the